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## **Denise Wilson Awarded Nurse Educator Fellowship**

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BLOOMINGTON, Ill.— Denise (Williams) Wilson, associate professor of nursing for Mennonite College of Nursing (MCN) at Illinois State University (ISU) was recently one of 18 nursing faculty in the state of Illinois to be awarded a Nurse Educator Fellowship by the Illinois Board of Higher Education.

Wilson, who is the sequence leader for the Family Nurse Practitioner (FNP) sequence at ISU, is a 1978 graduate of Illinois Wesleyan with a bachelor of science in nursing degree. She says she will use this funding “to conduct research on quality of care issues.”

Wilson also received the Graduate Teaching Excellence Award from MCN in 2010, and practices as a nurse practitioner at Medical Hills Internists & Pediatrics in Bloomington. She is certified as both a Family Nurse Practitioner and an Adult Nurse Practitioner (ANP) and recently passed the American Nurses Credentialing Center national certification exam to be a Gerontological Nurse Practitioner.

This certification, said Wilson “recognizes her expertise in the care of older adults, including diagnosis and management of acute and chronic diseases, and taking a holistic approach to meet the physical, psychological and functional needs of older patients.”

She completed the Post-Graduate FNP Program at the University of Missouri-Columbia and received her doctorate in Educational Administration and Foundations, Higher Education from ISU.

Wilson received her master’s degree in Adult Health Nursing from the University of Illinois-Chicago. She is the author of *McGraw-Hill’s Manual of Laboratory and Diagnostic Tests*, which has been published in English, Italian, French and Arabic, and is currently being translated into Portuguese.

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